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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish pilot projects to support and evaluate the provision of before-school activities that advance student academic achievement and encourage the establishment of, and increase participation in, school breakfast programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2002

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. PETRI, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Educational Grants
5 for Great Starts Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT AND EVALUATE BE-**
2 **FORE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.**

3 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
4 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(g) PILOT PROJECTS TO SUPPORT AND EVALUATE
7 BEFORE-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.—

8 “(1) GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES.—

9 “(A) GRANTS.—(i) Subject to funds made
10 available under paragraph (5), the Secretary, in
11 coordination with the Secretary of Education,
12 shall make grants to seven State agencies to
13 conduct pilot projects in seventeen elementary
14 schools in each such State to—

15 “(I) support the provision of before-
16 school activities that advance student aca-
17 demic achievement and encourage the es-
18 tablishment of, or increase participation in,
19 school breakfast programs; and

20 “(II) evaluate the effect of providing
21 before-school activities on participation in
22 school breakfast programs.

23 “(ii) In carrying out clause (i), the Sec-
24 retary shall make grants to one State in each
25 of the seven geographic regions of the United

1 States (as determined for purposes of programs
2 of the Food and Nutrition Service).

3 “(B) APPLICATION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
5 may make a grant to a State agency under
6 subparagraph (A) only if the State agency
7 submits to the Secretary an application
8 that contains, at a minimum, the informa-
9 tion described in clause (ii).

10 “(ii) INFORMATION.—The information
11 described in this clause is the following:

12 “(I) A description of how the
13 State agency will provide oversight of
14 pilot projects to be conducted in se-
15 lected elementary schools in the State
16 to ensure that before-school activities
17 under the projects will increase par-
18 ticipation in the school breakfast pro-
19 gram.

20 “(II) A description of the meth-
21 ods to be used by the State agency to
22 promote and make available all appro-
23 priate information concerning sub-
24 grants to be made under paragraph
25 (2) for the conduct of pilot projects in

1 selected elementary schools in the
2 State.

3 “(III) A description of the meth-
4 ods to be used by the State agency to
5 collect data for the evaluation of the
6 pilot projects in accordance with para-
7 graph (4)(A).

8 “(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In making
9 grants to State agencies under subparagraph
10 (A), the Secretary shall ensure that the pilot
11 projects to be conducted in elementary schools
12 under the jurisdiction of the local educational
13 agencies are selected so as to—

14 “(i)(I) ensure the likelihood that pro-
15 posed before-school activities under the
16 pilot projects will increase participation in
17 school breakfast programs; and

18 “(II) ensure coordination of the pilot
19 projects with other programs and activities
20 offered by the elementary schools;

21 “(ii)(I) provide for an equitable dis-
22 tribution of pilot projects among urban
23 and rural elementary schools; and

24 “(II) provide for an equitable distribu-
25 tion of pilot projects among elementary

1 schools with and without school breakfast
2 programs; and

3 “(iii) provide for an equitable distribu-
4 tion of pilot projects among schools of
5 varying family income levels.

6 “(D) LIMITATION.—Not more than 1.5
7 percent of the amount of a grant received by a
8 State agency under subparagraph (A) may be
9 used by the State agency for administrative ex-
10 penses of the pilot projects under this sub-
11 section.

12 “(2) SUBGRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
13 AGENCIES.—

14 “(A) SUBGRANTS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State agency
16 that receives a grant under paragraph (1)
17 shall use amounts from the grant to make
18 subgrants to local educational agencies to
19 conduct pilot projects in accordance with
20 this subsection to support the provision of
21 before-school activities, including the ac-
22 tivities described in clause (ii), that ad-
23 vance student academic achievement and
24 encourage the establishment of, or increase

1 participation in, school breakfast pro-
2 grams.

3 “(ii) ACTIVITIES.—The activities de-
4 scribed in this clause are the following:

5 “(I) Remedial education activities
6 and academic enrichment learning
7 programs.

8 “(II) Mathematics and science
9 education activities.

10 “(III) Arts and music apprecia-
11 tion activities.

12 “(IV) Entrepreneurial education
13 activities.

14 “(V) Tutoring services and men-
15 toring programs.

16 “(VI) Telecommunications and
17 technology education programs.

18 “(VII) Expanded library service
19 hours.

20 “(VIII) Programs that provide
21 assistance to students who have been
22 truant or suspended to allow the stu-
23 dents to improve their academic
24 achievement.

1 “(IX) Drug and violence preven-
2 tion programs, counseling programs,
3 and character education programs.

4 “(B) APPLICATION.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The State agency
6 may make a subgrant to a local edu-
7 cational agency under subparagraph (A)
8 only if the local educational agency sub-
9 mits to the State agency an application
10 that contains, at a minimum, the informa-
11 tion described in clause (ii).

12 “(ii) INFORMATION.—The information
13 described in this clause is the following:

14 “(I)(aa) Except as provided in
15 item (bb), a description of the break-
16 fast program of each elementary
17 school under the jurisdiction of the
18 local educational agency within which
19 a pilot project will be conducted, in-
20 cluding the number of students who
21 participate in the program and the
22 percentage of students who participate
23 in the program in rural versus urban
24 schools.

1 “(bb) In the case of an elemen-
2 tary school without a breakfast pro-
3 gram and within which a pilot project
4 will be conducted, a description of a
5 plan that outlines how the school will
6 establish and operate a breakfast pro-
7 gram in coordination with the pilot
8 project.

9 “(II) A description of how the
10 local educational agency, in conjunc-
11 tion with the school food authority,
12 will carry out the pilot projects in ac-
13 cordance with this subsection, includ-
14 ing a description of (aa) the specific
15 activities that will be carried out by
16 the local educational agency to remove
17 any perceived stigma associated with
18 participation in the breakfast program
19 and to increase participation in the
20 program, and (bb) all other specific
21 activities that will be carried out
22 under the projects.

23 “(III) A description of a pro-
24 posed budget to carry out the pilot
25 projects.

1 “(C) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In making
2 subgrants to local educational agencies under
3 subparagraph (A), the State agency shall en-
4 sure that the local educational agencies have
5 under their jurisdiction a sufficient number of
6 elementary schools that are not participating in
7 the pilot projects to permit a valid evaluation of
8 the results of the pilot projects.

9 “(D) DURATION OF PILOT PROJECTS.—A
10 local educational agency that receives a
11 subgrant under subparagraph (A) to conduct a
12 pilot project in accordance with this subsection
13 shall conduct the project during a period of not
14 less than 3 successive school years.

15 “(E) MINIMUM AMOUNT OF AWARDS TO
16 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.—Subject to the avail-
17 ability of funds of a subgrant provided to a
18 local educational agency under subparagraph
19 (A) to conduct a pilot project in accordance
20 with this subsection, the minimum amount pro-
21 vided to an elementary school under the pilot
22 project for a school year shall be not less than
23 \$50,000.

24 “(3) PROHIBITION.—Amounts provided under a
25 grant or subgrant made under this subsection may

1 not be used to provide a Federal reimbursement for
2 school breakfasts under the school breakfast pro-
3 gram.

4 “(4) EVALUATION; REPORT.—

5 “(A) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall
6 conduct an evaluation of the pilot projects con-
7 ducted by local educational agencies under this
8 subsection with respect to the establishment of,
9 and increased participation in, school breakfast
10 programs.

11 “(B) REPORT.—Not later than September
12 30, 2005, the Secretary shall prepare and sub-
13 mit to Congress a report that contains the re-
14 sults of the evaluation conducted under sub-
15 paragraph (A).

16 “(5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17 “(A) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—There
18 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
19 this subsection (other than paragraph (4))
20 \$6,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003
21 through 2005.

22 “(B) EVALUATION.—There is authorized
23 to be appropriated to carry out paragraph (4)
24 \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.”.

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